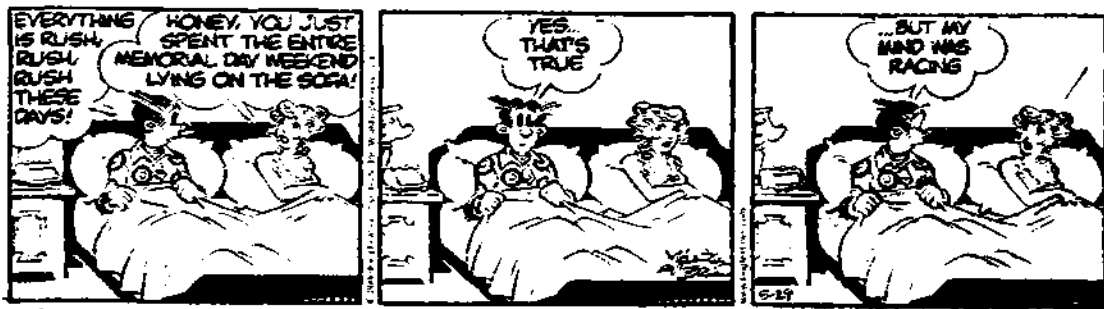
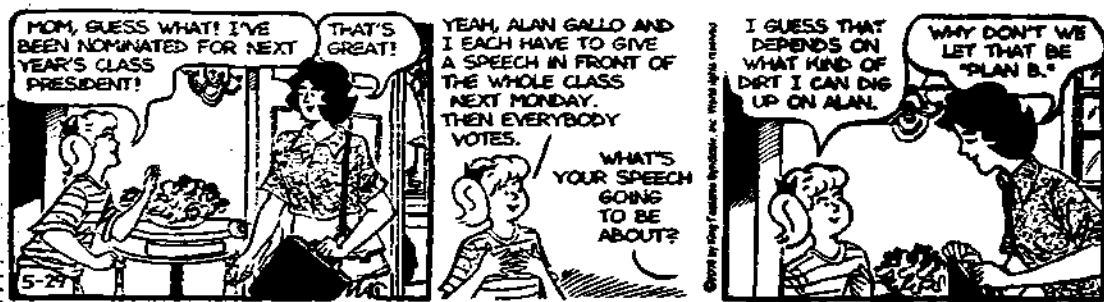


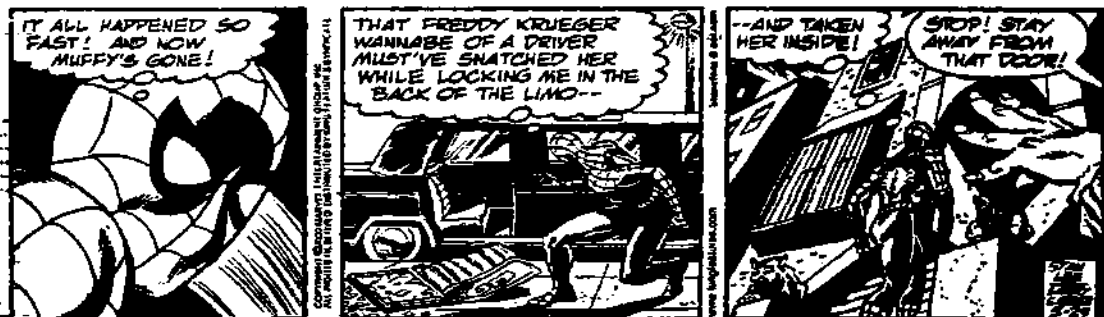
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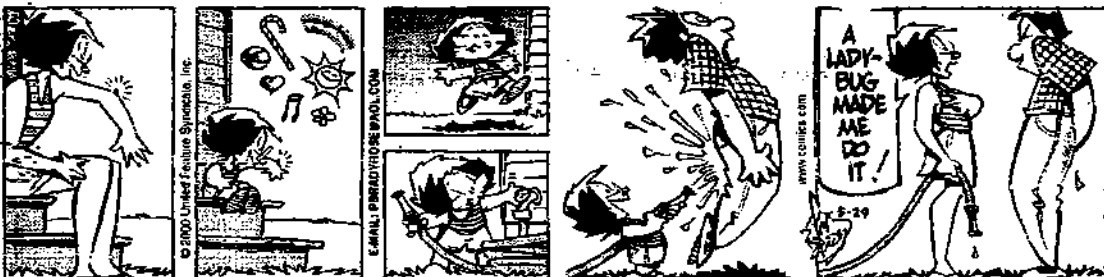
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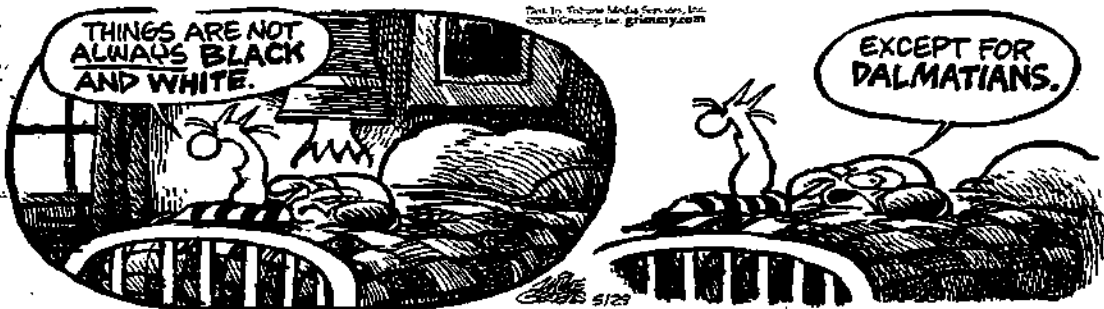
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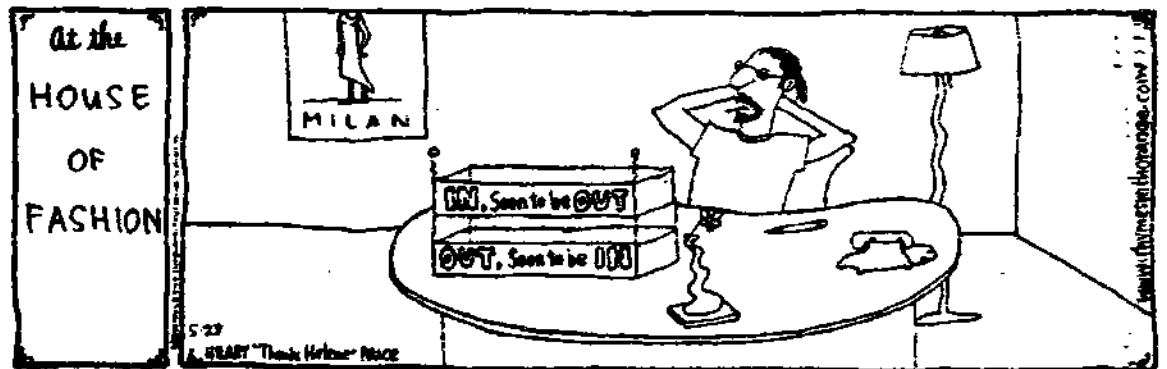
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FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



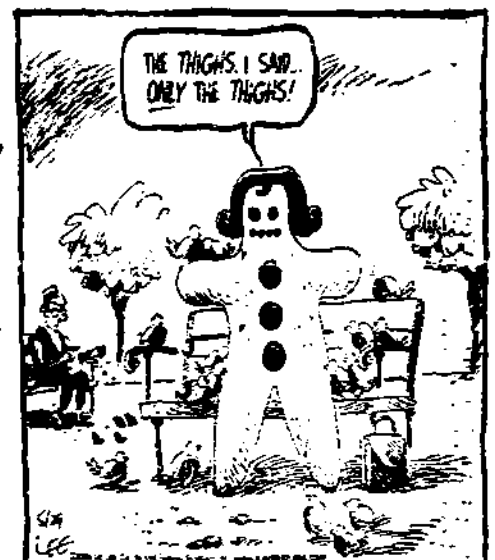
RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Comedian Bob Hope is 97. Former Baseball Commissioner Fay Vincent is 62. Race car driver Al Unser Sr. is 61. Actor Kevin Conway is 58. Actor Helmut Berger is 56. Rock singer Gary Brooker (Procol Harum) is 55. Actor Anthony Geary is 53. Singer Robbie Jackson is 50. Movie composer Danny Elfman is 47. Singer LaToya Jackson is 44. Actress Annette Bening is 42.

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PAR SCORE 160-170 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blank" used as any letter has no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merrim-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 5-29-00

UNSCRAMBLED WORDS: O, L, A, E, R, S; I, P, R, T, S, U, U; O, R, T, U, N, C, E; R, E, H, E, C, M, S

Scoring: Double Word Score, Triple, 3-Letter Triple

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

BORN IN THE '60S

CLJGEBMLYEFFIRG
YWURPNADKTLAOIG
DBZXVSCNQATBROM
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CAYYREBWARSTSVX
VUSEESREKRENYOJ
QPNKSESIURCOMJK
JHCFECOBZYXIVNU
REMAHNTROPDOOM
BLKIHGEONATIOBD

Saturday's unlisted clue: EGGS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Monday's unlisted clue hint: CELINE

Becker: Fabio, Joyner-Kerses, Rob Lowe
Bottino: Graf, Lawless, Strawberry
Bon Jovi: Griffey, Lendl, Witz
Cruise: Hammer, MacPherson

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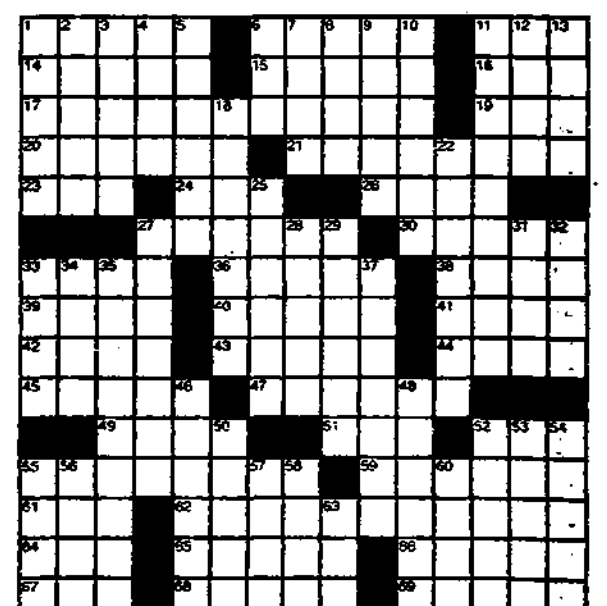
N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0417

- ACROSS**
- 1 Minnesota's Gov. Ventura
- 6 Artist Picasso
- 11 Educ. support group
- 14 Make permanent, as cartoon drawings
- 15 Jack who ate no fat
- 16 Big coffee holder
- 17 Checked pattern in fabrics
- 19 "Dollars, taxes," e.g., for Dallas, Texas
- 20 Ready
- 21 Flowering plant that climbs
- 23 Old terr. west of Minnesota
- 24 Paintings
- 26 Part of a dental exam
- 27 "Remembrance of Things Past" novelist
- 30 Jockey's wear
- 33 Walk in water
- 36 Short
- 38 Isolated
- 39 Clothes presser
- 40 First month of el. afo
- 41 Integrally divisible by two
- 42 Writing on the wall, e.g.
- 43 Cut
- 44 Requirement
- 45 Tree with large, oblong leaves
- 47 Tend to, as a bad lawn
- 49 Amo. amat. (Latin trio)
- DOWN**
- 1 Holy war
- 2 W.W. II plane
- 3 Lie in wait
- 4 They're recited in confessions
- 5 Ingratiate
- 6 L.A. clock setting
- 7 Mil. addresses
- 8 It may be furrowed
- 9 Material for a doctor's glove
- 10 Them
- 11 Infatuation
- 12 Steadfast
- 13 The "T" in "The King and I"
- 18 Flashing lights

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

VOUCHER FOR BPOE
ATTHATRATE REMY
METAPHORIC ERIE
PRESS NEST EFTS
SORE JEW Ooze
BODES MECCA
DISMAY LODESTAR
INTERCOLLEGIATE
GORDEEVA MANSES
SNAIL ADAMS
PAYS DRE JAPE
WALK WORM MILER
EREI IDEAMONGER
PEST SISTERKATE
YASS SESAMESEED



Puzzle by Greg Staples

- 22 Very rear
- 25 The "T" of TBS
- 27 Mark Twain, e.g.
- 28 It doesn't hold water
- 29 Mother
- 31 Leg's midpoint
- 32 Cell-phone button
- 33 Slender one
- 34 Song for a diva
- 35 Slowpoke's swimming style
- 37 From abroad
- 48 Worn away
- 50 The March King
- 52 Poem for the dear departed
- 53 Winchester, e.g.
- 54 Direct (to)
- 55 The majority
- 56 Burn bath
- 57 Elevator pioneer
- 58 Range: Abbr.
- 60 Open a crack
- 63 Touchy subject, to some people

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